



City of Grand Rapids

The T2C Studio: Grand Rapids Center for College Success celebrates its 1000th student served!

10/26/17: GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – The T2C Studio is proud to announce it has served its 1000th student within one year of being launched.

The T2C Studio offers an array of navigation services including college application, scholarship searches, workshops, and personal one-on-one advising, primarily to Grand Rapids Public School students, first-generation college students, and persons of color. Bryan Navarro, our 1000th student, contacted the T2C Studio seeking college assistance after receiving a flyer about the T2C Studio at his high school graduation rehearsal. Specifically, Navarro was interested in obtaining assistance regarding enrollment at Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) and learning more about the difference between a college degree and a certification.

Navarro attended nine different high schools before graduating from the Grand Rapids Learning Center in 2017. He is a first-generation college student and plans to pursue a degree in criminal justice. He has successfully enrolled at GRCC and will begin classes during winter semester of 2017-2018. With the help of GRCC's studio time staff, the T2C Studio offered Navarro guidance in declaring his track/major; navigating the enrollment process, including taking the college entry test; connecting with GRCC's criminal justice department; and enrolling in classes.

"I'm just very happy I found a place that can help me with the college process and keep me inspired along the way." –Navarro

The T2C Studio is a community-based program that is part of the To College, Through College Initiative, with the goal of ensuring enrollment and retention of students in college through to degree attainment. The T2C Studio officially opened in November 2016 and is located at the Grand Rapids Public Library on the third floor, open Monday-Thursday, 10:00am-7:00pm. The T2C Studio has higher education partners and admission counselors available to advise students. The T2C Studio is facilitated and managed by Our Community's Children, a public/private partnership between the City of Grand Rapids and the Grand Rapids Public Schools. Our Community's Children works to ensure all city youth are prepared for college, work, and life. Visit www.t2cstudio.us/events for more information on upcoming college workshops and one-one-one session hours. All services at the T2C Studio are free of charge.

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